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By Order of the Executor of Mrs. H. E. Sweet deceased
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APPEAL DISMISSED

RAILWAYMAN AND HOME GUARD BOOTS

At Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday the Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.) dismissed an appeal made by Albert Victor White, a railwayman, of Ulster-road, against a conviction by Margate magistrates and a fine of £1 for receiving a pair of boots, issued for the use of officers or soldiers, contrary to the Army Act.

The boots were stolen by a railway Home Guard storekeeper named Jarrett. He sold them to a guard named Munday, because they hurt his feet, and Munday, finding they were too small, sold them to White, who was stopped by a policeman as he was taking them home.

At the police court hearing Jarrett was fined £2 for stealing the boots and Munday and White £1 each for receiving them.

Miss V. Stephenson, instructed by Mr. A. R. Young, of Ramsgate, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. B. H. Waddy for the prosecution.

Mr. Waddy explained that under the Army Act anyone who obtained or received from any person any Army munitions, equipment, instruments or clothing issued for the use of officers or soldiers was guilty of an offence unless he proved either that he acted in ignorance of the same being Army property, or that it had been sold with the authority of the Army Council. Once the prosecution had proved that a person had received Army property the burden shifted to the defendant.

Home Guard Tempted.

Concerning the facts of the case, Mr. Waddy said in 1940 a large number of pairs of Army boots was issued to the railway detachment of the Home Guard at Margate. The storekeeper, a railwayman and Home Guard, was tempted and stole a pair. Eventually the boots found their way into the possession of White. It was not suggested that he received them, knowing them to have been stolen, and he was not charged with that offence. A railway police officer in plain clothes saw the appellant leave Margate station with his cycle, on which were two parcels. He was stopped and asked what the parcels contained. He said he had two pairs of boots, one, which had just been repaired, belonging to his son, and the other having been bought from Guard Munday for 10s. The pair he had bought from Munday was the stolen pair, and obviously Army boots, for they had the usual government mark of W.D. and a broad arrow stamped on them. They were almost brand new. The magistrates fined him £1, which showed that they did not consider it a very serious offence.

D/C Wren, K.C.C., who interviewed White, said he made the following statement to him: "About a month ago I learnt that Bill Munday had a pair of boots to sell and I said I would buy them. This afternoon I gave Munday 10s. for them. I didn't know they were Army boots." When seen again later White said "I didn't know they were Army boots or I would not have had anything to do with them. I saw only the toecaps."

Cross-examined, witness said Munday confirmed that White's statement was true. He agreed with counsel that one had to look very closely to see the W.D. mark on the boots.

The Recorder declined to accept the submission by Miss Stephenson that a Home Guard was not a soldier and therefore that the Army Act did not apply.

Twenty-nine Years' Service.

Giving evidence, the appellant said he was an acting chargehand-cleaner and had been employed by the railway company for 29 years. He had known Guard Munday for a number of years, and about five weeks prior to 12th March he heard through Munday's wife that he had a pair of working boots for sale. No mention was made of where they came from. On 12th March he met Munday on the station platform and went with him to the guards' room, where Munday took the boots from his locker. They were wrapped in brown paper, and as Munday was in a hurry to catch his train he (appellant) did not open the parcel. Munday just tore the paper over the toecap.

Miss Stephenson: Could you tell from the toecap that they were similar to boots worn by the Home Guard?

Appellant: I never gave it a thought. He did not say and I had no idea.

Continuing, appellant said he had no reason to suspect Munday. He took the boots to his mess-room and left them on the table until he left to go home about half an hour later.

Cross-examined, appellant admitted that he did not usually buy boots without first seeing if they fitted him. He accepted Munday's word that they were nearly new, and if they had not been all right he would have returned them the next day and received his money back. Munday did ask him if he wanted to look at them.

Miss Stephenson said the defence was that her client was in ignorance of the fact that they were Army boots. Ten shillings was a reasonable price to pay for a pair of secondhand boots. He could have bought a pair elsewhere for that price, and was therefore not likely to run the risk of being brought before the court by buying a pair he knew had been stolen.

Dismissing the appeal, the Recorder said Miss Stephenson had said everything she possibly could for the appellant, but on the facts that had been proved, and also on the evidence given by the appellant, he was not satisfied that the man had made out a defence within the Act.

Margate Divorce

WIFE WHO DID NOT RETURN

In the Divorce Court on Monday Mr. Justice Henn Collins heard the undefended petition of Mr. Charles William Chatterton, of Omer-avenue, Margate, for a decree nisi against his wife, Kathleen Nellie, on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Payne, at an address at Bristol.

The marriage was in 1918 and they lived happily in Margate till 1940. Later, owing to air raids, the respondent came to London. She returned but later went back to London in 1941. In the following year he had a letter from Bath from his wife saying she was in love with another man. He wrote her to come home but she did not do so. He now charged her with adultery with Payne.

After hearing the evidence his lordship granted a decree nisi with costs against the co-respondent.

A NEW FRONT

EXTENDING WORK OF W.V.S.

"A new domestic front is being opened and classes are being formed to teach women how to do ordinary household repairs, etc., to do dressmaking renovations and the best way to 'make and mend.' Other work being undertaken now by members is the dismantling of car batteries and camouflage work."

This announcement of "a new front" was made by the Hon. Mrs. Petherick, county organiser, when she addressed a meeting of members of the W.V.S. at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Friday.

In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) the meeting was presided over by Miss Tower, M.B.E., area organiser.

Mrs. Blinko, centre organiser, dealt in some detail with what had been achieved by the W.V.S. in this district. She recalled that early in the year an appeal was issued for a collection of linen to aid the Russian hospitals and said that several consignments were dispatched as soon as was practicable. A book drive, which had as its target 20,000, resulted in 25,000 volumes being collected, the W.V.S. having undertaken the work of collection, sorting and distribution. The Silver Thimble Fund had proved a great success, Ramsgate's contribution being one of 200 guineas to the 1,000 guineas collected in Thanet for a bed in the Malta Hospital.

Varied Activities.

The leaders of the various activities submitted their reports to the meeting, Mrs. Weymouth speaking of the work associated with the mobile canteen, Mrs. Morgan relating the progress of the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund and stating that the sum of £839 3s. 9d. had already been contributed in Ramsgate.

Miss Thomson described the work of the knitting party and said that last year no fewer than 81 garments were completed, 56 of which were distributed locally. At the present time, she said, work was being done mostly for the Merchant Navy, although much had been done to assist the Army, the Royal Air Force and Indian Army in addition to the provision of garments for evacuees.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Duffy respectively made reports on the work of the sewing and mending parties, and Mrs. Stock referred to what was being done by W.V.S. members at the four British Restaurants in the town.

According to Mrs. Hawkins, who has charge of the jam-making and fruit bottling branch, 1,000lbs. of fruit were disposed of in 1941, and in 1942 the figure reached 1,115.

Nurse Howells gave details of the housewives' service, and Mrs. Gummer spoke of the valuable work being accomplished by the hospitality service, which provides 48 hours respite from duty, with home comforts, for service men.

Help After Raids.

Mrs. Curtis told of the scheme for distributing secondhand clothing in cases of necessity following a blitz, and references to other services in which the W.V.S. has played an active part included the Prisoners of War Association, the savings groups, staffing at the Forces Club, collection of salvage and assistance with flag-day efforts.

Mrs. Petherick referred to the fact that the W.V.S. had just celebrated its fifth birthday and said that after five years of strenuous work, with some periods of "stand-by," it was time to realise that they must all endeavour to put in that little extra bit in order to meet the demands made upon them. When people were, perhaps, getting a little weary, it was as well to try and devote that extra hour of duty which would help to swell the tide of good work being done. Eighty per cent. of the rest centres in the county were staffed by members of the W.V.S. and that work meant everything when people were in trouble.

The W.V.S. had done some wonderful work in country districts by distributing new ration books and assisting with milk registrations. In certain areas the sorting of rivets for aircraft factories had been undertaken.

Mrs. Petherick said it was important that members should undergo basic training for the branch of work which particularly interested them and stressed the desirability of passing through the training provided in the form of lectures.

THEY HAD GUTS

BUFFS' PART IN TUNISIA VICTORY

RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S ORDEAL

The North African fighting has added another chapter to the glorious history of East Kent's regiment—The Buffs.

Some idea of the heroic part they played in that bitter struggle is gained from a description of the actions given by a man who was there—Pte. James William Woodward, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Woodward, of 200 Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

Pte. Woodward, who will be 26 next month, was among the first troops to land in that theatre of war and it was not long before his battalion ran up against Jerry. They found, however, that the Germans "scrammed" in the face of a heavy artillery barrage, and they were able to advance to the small village of Tamarra.

"The next place we took," says Jim, "was Sedjenane and at the rate we were going we thought we should be in Tunis in no time at all. But Jerry had other ideas and when we got to the famous 'Green Hill' he cried 'halt'—and halt we did. We dug in and were there for just over three months, experiencing some of the lousiest weather I have seen.

Under Shell-Fire.

"It was there that we first sampled shell-fire. We had been shelling them for a fortnight with no reply but one day, without warning, over they came. You can bet we got down in our slit trenches a bit sharp and after they had finished I could not find my equipment. When I did find it it was about 50 yards from the bush on which I had hung it and had been blown to pieces. We got used to the shelling after a few days and stuck it until we were relieved."

Pte. Woodward then went back to Beja for a rest but he and his comrades had only been there for a day when the Germans broke through the French at Pont du Fahs and The Buffs were again rushed into action. A very strong attack was beaten off by the Men of Kent, whose forward companies were heavily mortared, and it was six weeks before they were relieved by the French.

Following another short rest near Beja, Pte. Woodward was engaged in a series of attacks which he hopes he will never have to experience again. The Buffs' job was to capture some hills so that they could command the plains that led to Sedjenane. All their rations, water and "ammo" had to be carted by pack mules.

In the Hills.

Fighting in the roughest country they had encountered, they took all their objectives. "There were plenty of bullets, mortar bombs and shells flying about," says Jim, "and it surprised me that one could put up with such ordeals and hardships. The weather was making our job far more difficult, as indeed it always has done ever since we have been here.

"Our next attack," he continues, "was far worse than the last and, although I can't remember the names of the places, it meant that more hills had to be taken. We went in under the heaviest barrage we have ever put over. Believe me, our Artillery boys are damned good and they saved us several times. We took two hills, advanced and were ambushed, and what our boys did after that was marvellous—it had to be seen to be believed. To advance across open fields in the face of terrific machine-gun, mortar and shell-fire takes guts and I saw plenty of it that morning. Anyway, we took the rest of our objectives and, after beating off several counter-attacks, were again relieved.

Proud Achievement.

"This time we did not go back but stayed in the hills. The rest was short-lived for we soon found ourselves on the move again. The job was a bit easier for we had to occupy positions which had already been taken, although we had to put up with a bit of shelling. Then came another attack by us and again we went in under a terrific barrage. This brought us up against 'Longstop Hill,' the occupation of which, we afterwards found, was to form our last attack. The hill had defied a lot of advances and had become a damned nuisance. Well; in we went and were subjected to the heaviest bombardment we had yet encountered. But we took it in surprisingly quick time and were naturally proud of our achievement."

Moved to another area, Pte. Woodward could see Medjez el Bab from his new position but learnt that his unit was not going on the final push to Tunis. Instead they were being held in reserve.

"It was there that we saw sights we are not likely to forget," he says. "Our positions were on fairly high ground, which fell away behind us into a basin which was crammed with hundreds of transport vehicles. It began to look like the car parks in Thanet on August Bank Holiday. Zero hour came and then started a barrage that almost seemed to split my head. It was colossal—never had we seen or heard anything like it—and we certainly thanked God we were on the right end of it. All night long it went on and still it continued in the morning. Hundreds of thousands of shells must have been sent over.

Swarms of Planes.

"We saw, too, just what the Royal Air Force can do. Their planes were coming over in swarms, the sky was full of them and it seemed like a regular ferry service. While this was on our troops and armour had gone in and the roads and tracks looked like Brighton road. Transport was going through almost nose to tail—all forward to Tunis. . . . We nearly went crazy when we heard that city had fallen."

In peace-time Pte. Woodward, an old boy of Hereson School, was employed as chief operator at Dreamland Cinema, Margate. He is married and his wife is working in the same factory in the north as his sister Ena. Her husband, Cpl. T. Lawton, is serving with the R.A.F. in Southern Rhodesia. Jim's twin sister is the wife of Ldg. Acm. D. M. Rose, R.A.F., now training in Canada.

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COLLISION WITH LORRY

Mr. Edward Wood, aged 35, of Crundale, London-road, Ramsgate, sustained severe injuries when the cycle he was riding came into collision with a lorry in Queen-street, Ramsgate, on Friday.

A member of the firm of H. Wood and Co., of King-street, Mr. Wood, who was taken to hospital by a passing motorist, suffered lacerations to the scalp and face and abrasions to the face, arms and hands.

Mr. Wood was cycling down Queen-street and the lorry, which belongs to Messrs. Alfred Olby and was being driven by Mr. William Charles Dixon, of Prestedge-avenue, was turning from Queen-street into Elms-avenue.

It appears that the vision of the cyclist and the driver was obscured by a stationary bus, in which Mr. Wood's wife was a passenger.

SOLDIERS CHARGED

ALLEGED THEFTS AT MARGATE

A remand until Wednesday next week was granted by Margate magistrates when Bdr. William Sinclair and Gnr. David Roscoe, both aged 31, were charged with breaking into a house at Fort-crescent.

Both were alleged to have stolen various articles, the property of Mr. Percy Hall.

D/C Lilliott said he saw Sinclair and told him that during a kit inspection certain articles were found in a suitcase under his bed. He was asked to account for possession of them and said "The sheets I bought when I was last home on leave as a wedding present for my sister. The other stuff I found where we keep our lorries." On the way to the police station Sinclair said "I want to make a clean breast of it. When we have taken these things to the police station I will show you where we got them."

Witness afterwards saw Roscoe and questioned him in regard to articles found in his kit. He said "I will tell you everything. I got them from the house round the corner. I will show you which house." Witness went to Fort-crescent with the men and they indicated No. 24 as the house from which they took the articles. When charged they both said "I didn't break in. I found the door open."

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DOGS WITHOUT LICENSES

Six summonses for keeping dogs without licenses were dismissed on payment by defendants of 4s. costs each at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Defendants were Lucy Kathleen Garwood, of Telham-avenue, Nancy Turner, of Hereson-road, Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, of Hillbrow-road, Edmund Mark Richards, of King's-avenue, Frederick Arthur Drake, of Prestedge-avenue, and Chrisopher Marriott, of Coldswood, Haine.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the action taken by the magistrates that morning would not govern their future action in such cases. People who could not afford their dog licenses could obtain assistance in purchasing them.

C/I H. G. Butcher said had the police come across a case where a defendant was unable to find the money he would have mentioned it to the magistrates. None of the cases before the court that morning were in that category.

IN JAPANESE HANDS

Two Margate men are among the latest lists of prisoners known to be in Japanese hands.

They are Cpl. George Arnold Miles, son of the late Mr. John Miles, and stepson of Mrs. Miles, of 20 Tivoli Park-avenue, and Acmn. C. J. Edwards, R.A.F., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Everett, formerly of Margate and now living at Blean.

Cpl. Miles went to Malaya in 1938 as assistant manager of a rubbeer plantation, and Acmn. Edwards was manager of a butchery establishment in Margate.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PENNY-A-WEEK FUND

Sir,—May I, through your widely-read newspaper, express warmest thanks to the collectors and contributors to the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund (house-to-house collection)?

It has been given splendid support in Ramsgate. A year ago the W.V.S. was approached by the Red Cross Organisation asking for aid in organising the fund in this district.

It was agreed to launch an appeal, rather doubting much success, for the town was very deserted at that time. A committee of eight members was formed, representing each ward, with Mrs. Blinko, centre organiser, as chairman, and some collecting boxes issued. The result of these collections, from July, 1942, to June, 1943, totals £887 3s. 9d. This amount includes a donation of £30 from the Home Guard through Mr. Treweeks and £18 the proceeds of a concert organised by P/C Jordan.

In a recent letter Lord Southwood, chairman of the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund, expressed great appreciation to all who had so well supported this fund.

The chairman and committee of the Ramsgate branch are gratified by the result of their venture and trust that the high standard of contributions will be maintained and the collectors continue their co-operation and valuable help to this great cause.

A. M. MORGAN,
Hon. Sec.,
Ramsgate Fund Committee.

4th (THANET) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer—Capt. H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.

Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing 11th July.

Part 1 (parades).

To-day.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. A and C Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Part 2 (appointments).

Major R. N. Paterson reverts to the rank of 2/Lt. on ceasing to hold command of the battalion. 6-7-43.

Capt. H. D. Rose is confirmed in appointment of command of the battalion. 6-7-43.

2/Lt. A. Massie relinquishes his commission on transfer to the regular forces. 1-7-43.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

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THEY DON'T THINK

UNPATRIOTIC SELFISHNESS

By OWEN RUTTER

I was travelling from Sheerness to London the other day. At Chatham two ladies entered my compartment and settled down for a nice talk. It was impossible not to overhear their conversation. It passed from the subject of allotments (the cash kind) to the carefulness of one of the ladies' husbands.

"Everything he saves goes in the bank," she said. "I never touch a penny of it. He never even sends me anything on my birthday."

"Not on your **birthday**?" exclaimed her friend.

"No, nor yet at Christmas," insisted the other.

"Well," said the friend, after a pause. "Well, well, well." Then she added consolingly, "They don't **think**, dear. That's what it is. They don't **think**."

Perhaps that is as merciful an explanation as any. At the same time, I am constrained to deny that husbands have the monopoly of this lack of imagination; and when women fail to think, they seem more heartlessly selfish than men.

Quite recently a woman staying in a fashionable London hotel sent for the manager, and complained. "It is after half-past ten and my dog's bed has not been made yet."

I did not make up that story as I was going along. It is true. And the lady in question was not an elderly spinster, but a youngish middle-aged woman. Like the thoughtless husband, she too had failed to think—that in the fourth year of the greatest war in history the hotel's depleted and overworked staff might have something better to do than attend to her pampered Pekinese. So had the woman, in the same hotel, who cried bitter tears because she couldn't be given her usual suite, and for one night was asked to occupy a bedroom without a bath.

There are too many people who "don't think" just now—which is another way of saying there are too many people thinking too much about themselves. When the Luftwaffe's blitz was at its height England was at her best. Her civilians learnt to think less of themselves and more of others, until they achieved that selflessness and disregard of personal convenience which every true sailor, and soldier, and airman knows. The blitz passed. Some—most, it may be—remembered the lessons they had learnt. Others forgot. They sat back oblivious to the need of thought.

When We Shall Win.

It is my belief that no one can achieve any result unless he is entitled to it. I believe that we shall win this war when we are entitled to win it, and not a moment before. We talk of fighting for the Four Freedoms. That is a noble conception which promises millions a better deal than they have ever had before. But they must be worthy of that betterment. And there are many who do not want a better deal. They look forward to the same old deal—for themselves. They are the greedy, the self-indulgent, the "haves" who will not share. In this country they are in the minority, it is true. Even so, there are many of them, and in thinking of the future in terms of their personal convenience they will help to keep the fetters fast upon human freedom. We all know some of these. "I hope the war will end soon," I heard a woman say. "I've got a perfectly divine pink brocade dressing-gown I want to wear at Monte Carlo."

The last four years have given millions the opportunity of showing that, consciously or unconsciously, they appreciate the privilege of living in times like these. The war has brought out the best in them. In others it has but brought out the worst. What a fuss they make about their food! What a song and dance they make because they cannot get this or that! To what lengths they go to wheedle an extra clothing coupon, or an extra ration of butter, or half a dozen eggs! What prices they will pay to obtain food and drink their fellows are content to do without: 8s. 6d. for a peach, a guinea for a few grapes, or £6 for a bottle of champagne. We are fighting for freedom, yes—but not to give such people the freedom to indulge their appetites and their vanity.

Save Shipping Space.

What is the remedy? We have it in our own hands: to make such people think. It is still not illegal to pay £6 for a bottle of champagne. People are still free to pay 8s. 6d. for a peach if they feel inclined. They can be helped to learn that by a trifling self-denial—in food, in clothes, in fuel—they may save valuable shipping space and strengthen their own characters as well. For there lies the crux of this matter. Mr. Herbert Agar, in his book "A Time for Greatness" refers to "the eternal lesson of human life: that we live in a world of moral accountability, and that if men behave abominably, the results will be bad." In other words, "They that plough iniquity and sow wickedness, reap the same."

It is not so much a matter of finding new values as of re-affirming old ones. There is nothing new, to be sure, in integrity, in human dignity, in kindness, in humility, in tolerance. Yet these are the essential needs of our life to-day. Even here there are dangers. It is possible for tolerance to become complacency, and there are times when one does the community a disservice by minding one's own business too closely. Popular opinion, courageously expressed, is one of the most potent weapons in the hands of a free people. We must not be afraid to condemn the worst when we see it, to expose those small sins of every day—the greed, the small meanness, the snobbishness, the petty jealousies, of those who care only for themselves. Our future liberties depend on how we make use of our present freedom, for, as an American writer has said, we are facing a worse evil or a better good than we have ever known. We must fit ourselves to become entitled to the better good. We must think ourselves, and teach others to think. It may be our last chance.

MARGATE

Police Sports.—When the annual sports of the Kent County Constabulary are held at Maidstone on 28th July, Margate Division will represent No. 4 District in the tug-of-war. The Margate team beat both Dover and Ramsgate Divisions in the eliminating contest at Sandwich on Tuesday.

POST OFFICE LOSS

RETIREMENT OF MR. E. E. BIRCH

After 23 years' service Mr. E. E. Birch, one of the best-known members of the staff of Ramsgate Post Office, has retired owing to ill-health.

Mr. Birch, who has joined his family in Stafford, will be greatly missed. With the rank of lieutenant, he was in command of Ramsgate Post Office Home Guard, was vice-chairman of the Ramsgate branch of the Union of Post Office Workers for a long period and was prominently associated with the Past and Present Association, The Buffs.

A presentation was made to Mr. Birch at Ramsgate head Post Office on Friday.

There were present the head postmaster (Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E.), Mr. P. F. Riches (superintendent), Mr. A. E. Brown (inspector of postmen), Mr. G. J. Belsey (head postman) and a large number of Mr. Birch's colleagues.

Mr. Edis said the occasion was a little different from other presentations in that Mr. Birch had to leave the service owing to ill-health. He was very sorry indeed to lose the services of Mr. Birch, who had always been a very efficient officer, and, what was also very important, a good comrade. Particularly was this so at present, when the question of man-power was so urgent. They could ill-afford to part with such men as Mr. Birch.

Mr. Edis said he sincerely hoped that the rest from strain of official duties would restore Mr. Birch to the state of health which would enable him to enjoy many years of retirement.

Valuable Colleague.

Mr. T. J. White, branch secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, expressed the regret of the staff at losing so valuable a colleague and referred to Mr. Birch's good qualities as a branch official. On behalf of the staff he wished him better health and good luck in the future.

The head postmaster then handed to Mr. Birch a smoker's cabinet and pipe, subscribed for by the staff of both Ramsgate and Broadstairs, together with a small sum of money left over after purchasing the gifts.

Returning thanks for the gifts, Mr. Birch said it was 23 years since he entered the service of the Post Office and he would always remember the pleasant times he had spent among them. As he smoked his pipe he knew his thoughts would wander back to the Ramsgate office.

With his customary generosity, Mr. Birch asked that the sum of money handed to him should be placed to the fund for members of the staff now serving with the forces, a fund in which Mr. Birch was always interested.

Mr. White said he felt sure the absent members would like him to express on their behalf their regret at losing him and very best wishes for the future.

During the evening Mr. Birch's Home Guard colleagues made a presentation to him at a gathering at the Woodman Inn.

BILLETING ARREARS

ORDERS AGAINST RAMSGATE PARENTS

Mrs. Florence Keen, of Chapel-road, Ramsgate, was summoned at Maidstone on Tuesday for being £21 3s. in arrears for billeting charges in respect of her three children for the period 21st December to 16th June.

Mr. T. Cropper, prosecuting, said that originally six children were evacuated but three had returned home. The total arrears were £70, but they were only claiming for the past six months. He thought the defendant and her husband had been "awkward" about the matter. The husband was in the Army and could have had the money deducted from his pay but refused.

Defendant's husband, a bombardier in the R.A., who was present in court, said that when he joined up he was given to understand that he would not have to pay, as his pay and allowances were insufficient.

An order for the payment of 10s. a week was made.

Mrs. Eleanor Williams, formerly of Ramsgate, now living in South Wales, was similarly summoned in respect of £14 1s. arrears for three children.

The defendant, in receipt of £3 1s. 6d. service allowance, was ordered to pay 5s. a week.

SAFEGUARDING A PRECIOUS HARVEST

Harvest may begin early. Corn crops generally are ahead of schedule, there is much more rye, and rye is usually ready for cutting about a fortnight before wheat.

Rye is the light-land farmer's "wheat"—the winter crop he has long awaited. It is cut when it has attained the look of dead ripeness associated with the "combining" of other cereals. So it need **not** stand in stook so long as, say, binder-cut oats, but can be quickly cleared and followed by a catch crop to keep up the humus that light land usually needs so much.

Stooking, though looking quite simple, is an art. The novice always shapes awkwardly at first, and there are many novices this year. Set to work in the opposite direction to the binder. Pick up sheaf under each arm and jab them down sharply, with the grassy side of the butts to the outside, so that the heads knit together. To do this, bring down the elbow against the waist sheaf at the moment of impact with the ground. In windy weather two stookers should work together, setting down their first pair of sheaves simultaneously to stop them blowing over. The middle pairs of the stook should be dead upright; end pairs slightly inclined towards the centre to give the stook greater stability. As a rule, five pairs go to each stook.

Commonly, stooks are arranged in line with direction of cut. This is wrong. They should be set north-south, independently of cutting direction, to get the sun on both sides, the prevailing wind through the middle. Set well clear of hedges. Between cutting and carting, especially in windy or showery weather, set up odd fallen sheaves.

Readiness to cart is judged by feel. Thrust your hand into the middle of the sheaf. The crop is fit for stacking only when it feels absolutely dry and free from coldness or clamminess. Then the grain will be quite hard. If the butt bottoms are damp, pull the whole stook over for exposure to the sun and wind. One pull is sufficient, if the top is closely embraced by both arms.

GAMING HOUSE FINE

MARGATE MAN AGAIN IN COURT

Barnett Eli Hann, of the Acacia Cafe, Manston-road, Margate, appeared before the borough magistrates for the second time within a few months on Wednesday on a charge of keeping a common gaming house by having in the cafe an automatic machine.

Hann was fined £10, ordered to pay £4 3s. costs, and the magistrates made a further order for the destruction of the machine.

Defendant was first before the court in respect of what was known as a "fruit" machine. Police officers visiting the cafe on 30th June found a similar type of machine, parts of horses taking the place of fruit on the revolving drums.

Defendant pleaded not guilty "because I didn't know that particular machine was similar to the others."

Trusting to Luck.

Mr. Eric Weale, for the prosecution, said the machine was operated by inserting a penny in the slot and pulling a handle down to set the drums revolving. On one drum were horses' tails, on the second the middle of the body and on the third horses' heads. If they lined up as a complete horse of the same colour the player was paid out according to the score at the side. It was solely a case of pulling the handle and trusting to luck. It had been decided time and again that there was no skill in such machines.

Cpl. Montague E. Wheeler, R.A.F., said he went to the cafe several times with Cpl. Humphrey and saw the machine, known as "High Stakes," on the counter. On one occasion he won 5d. with the fourth penny he used and received the money from Mrs. Hann. On another day he put 6d. into the machine, losing it all, and once he won 4d. for 3d. No skill whatever was required.

D/C Self, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said he went to the cafe at 10.40 a.m. on 30th June on the instructions of D/I Cory. The machine was on the counter and he put five pennies in. With the last one the machine showed a complete horse and defendant paid him 8d. He then inserted 7d. without winning and then the 8d. he had won, losing it all.

Cross-examined by defendant, D/C Self said he went to the cafe as a member of the public and bought a cup of tea and a sandwich.

Search Warrant.

D/S Presland said he went to the cafe at 11.10 a.m. on 30th June and saw defendant behind the counter on which the machine was standing. Defendant knew him as a police officer and he told him he had a warrant to search the premises for gaming machines. He also told him that the machine on the counter was of the fruit machine type and the kind he was looking for. Defendant said "Fruit machine type? I thought it was a fruit machine. The same chap put that one in and said it was all right." Defendant was taken to the police station with the machine and when charged said "What can I say?" The machine contained 10s. 8d. in pennies.

Giving evidence, defendant referred to an occasion several weeks previously when he was fined by the magistrates and an order made for the destruction of a fruit machine. He said he was then told by the police that objection was taken to fruit machines, and he decided to finish with them.

"I don't really understand the law," he went on. "I can't understand why the actual owner isn't here. The police know him. After the last case he told me it had been an awful loss to him and he could not get such a machine for £100 now."

Managing For His Son.

Defendant went on to explain that he was managing the business for his son, who was with the R.A.F. in British West Africa, and said "What hurts me more than the fine is that the business seems to be called a common house and one thing and another."

Asked why he installed an almost identical machine after being convicted for having a fruit machine, defendant said the owner of the machines brought it to him and said the police could not object to it because no money was actually paid out by the machine.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): Do you admit this is a pure game of chance?

Defendant: Yes. I think so. I don't know much about it.

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) announced that there would be a conviction and that defendant would be fined £10.

Defendant was also ordered to pay £4 3s. costs and an order was made for the destruction of the machine.

Hann asked for time in which to "get the money together."

"That will not take long," said the Magistrates' Clerk. "Could you not appropriate the winnings out of the machine?"

Defendant: As a matter of fact I made a loss.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Not according to the evidence.

Defendant was allowed until the end of the week to pay.

BROADSTAIRS

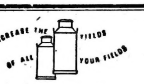
Killed by Enemy Action.—The Ministry of War Transport announces the death by enemy action of A/B Wilfred de Neuville Poole, Merchant Navy, of 9 Mayville-road, St. Peter's.

Soldier Organist.—Cpl. Stanley Sackett, formerly a Margate organist, who is now serving in the R.A.O.C., gave an organ recital at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday. The programme also included contributions by the ladies' choir and Mr. Jones sang two solos.

Discussion Group.—A proposal to hold a study circle to discuss the reconstruction of the country on a Christian basis is referred to in the July issue of Broadstairs Church magazine. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) suggests that the group should meet fortnightly.

Rector's Return.—After ten days' holiday in Great Malvern, the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) and Mrs. Bailey have now returned to Broadstairs. During their absence the parish was in the charge of the Rev. Father T. Elsom, S.S.M., a son of a late resident of Ramsgate.

R.N.O.C.A. Whist.—At the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pointer to Miss Jenkins, Mrs. May, Pte. Archer, Mr. May, Mrs. Walby, Pte. Williams, Pte. Peak and Mrs. Whitehead. Mr. H. K. Pallant was M.C.



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BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Some Scouters who attended the induction of the Rev. George Bennett as Vicar of Ramsgate had the pleasure also of meeting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hennessey, who have been at Sutton Valance for some years. The Vicar told me that the success of the Wings for Victory Week there was largely due to Mr Hennessey's efforts. Both are looking very fit, and Mrs. Hennessey, who was A.D.C. for Wolf Cubs here, is now running a pack there.

Scouts who breed homing pigeons will be glad to know that their hobby is now allowed to count for time for the National Service Badge.

Our second joint pioneering-cooking meeting with the Girl Guide Association was a wash out owing to rain, but the first one was an undoubted success. Cooking is a valuable achievement in itself but wartime dishes on an open fire are rather more adventurous and can be done very tastily indeed with a little expert tuition. Our thanks are due to the Guiders who helped make the evening so instructive. There are certainly good possibilities in the hay box stunt, and a good hot meal awaiting one on a return to camp site after best part of the day out is something to be really appreciated.

Whitsuntide week-end makes a good long week-end possible. A few of the 1st St. Lawrence were actually under canvas—quite an innovation in these days—in a very remote spot midway between Canterbury and Ashford. Camping on the site had actually been banned by the owner because of some folk from a large town who had been very bad campers. I did not know this when I wrote to him asking permission, but he had a very good memory, and as some of the 1st St. Lawrence had been there for a number of years without any complaint, he told the Troop they could use the site. The last camp was some years ago, and most of these old St. Lawrence Scouts were now serving overseas in the Army and Royal Navy. It was a challenge to the camping of the present generation of Scouts and I felt very pleased indeed when they told me on their return that they had been asked up there again. When not cooking, they did a good spell of haymaking and hill climbing, and blew the church organ on Sunday.

The 7th Ramsgate spent a good week-end at Bishopsbourne under G.S.M. Sherrington and A.S.M. Grant, and invited some of the 1st St. Lawrence to join them. The camp site was reached shortly after 7 p.m. on Friday. Saturday morning was spent cutting wood for the week-end and fetching stores from Bridge, the afternoon in tent and camp instruction, while in the evening gym and P.T. was carried out in the open air. On Sunday morning at the church parade at the village church the address was given by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. Immediately after the service all set out on a cross-country hike with survey map and compass, making a circuit of just over 12 miles. The journey was over the beautiful hillsides and undulating country of the South Downs—the high spot in thrills if not in altitude being a slope covered with wild strawberries. The camp was eventually reached at 8.30 p.m.

After a hot supper and a camp fire sing-song all were quite ready for turning in. On Monday morning camp site was cleaned preparatory to breaking camp, as in the afternoon the Ramsgate Scouts had been invited by the troops in the neighbourhood to a sports meeting. Scout R. Goddard, of the 7th Ramsgate Troop, was successful in winning the open obstacle race. Home was reached by 7 o'clock that evening after a really Scouty week-end.

Congratulations to R. Mannings, of the 1st St. Lawrence, on winning his Kings Scout Badge. Already a 1st Class Scout, last week he gained his Ambulance Badge, (examiner Mr. E. E. Waters) the last qualifying Badge necessary, and with this also he became entitled to wear his 3rd Grade All-round Cords (green and yellow) denoting a First Class Scout with 6 Proficiency Badges.

Headquarters Commissioner has told me that there will be no alteration in the proficiency badges until after the war. This, of course, is subject to any very small amendments that from time to time may be necessary. After the war the whole badge system will be revived in an entirely new form. Certain badges will be limited to Scouts over 14 years of age and others may be in a junior and a senior grade. Probably with this revision will come into force Senior Scouts, as much a separate unit of the group as Cubs are distinct from Scouts. It is suggested by I.H.Q. that crimson shoulder straps are adopted as a distinguishing mark of uniform for Senior Scouts, as Rover Scouts at present wear the green epaulettes.

Badge examiner: Wolf Cub, Homecraft Badge, Mrs. C. Wraight, 65 High-street, St. Lawrence.

In order to ensure unbroken progress, once accepted as a member of a Group, and to assist smooth working of every Group, Cubs and Scouts will not be given a transfer to any other section of another Group without exceptionally good reasons. Any vacancies in a Pack or Troop must be kept for new boys wishing to come into the movement in these days of shortage of Scouters, to cope with the numbers who wish to join.

C. F. W.

LAUGHTER AND SONG

BETTY GRABLE AT ODEON

Another of the Old Mother Riley successes showing at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow is followed for the remaining three days of the week by one of the greatest technicolor musicals that Hollywood has yet produced.

Arthur Lucan, after scoring triumphs as a politician and a servicewoman in other films of his series, is seen as an amateur sleuth in "Old Mother Riley Detective." To trace confidential papers stolen from a food office this lovable but erratic old "lady" enlists the aid of her daughter Kitty, and together they dress as ladies of fashion to trap a gang of black marketeers. Kitty McShane again has the part of the daughter. "Quiet Please Murder," the supporting feature, starring George Sanders and Gail Patrick, is a real thriller.

"Springtime in the Rockies," showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, brings a galaxy of stars to the screen. Georgeous Betty Grable, voted as glamour star No. 1, puts in another of her charming appearances in this gay, romantic, rollicking musical extravaganza, played against scenes of panoramic grandeur. John Payne plays the role of her discomfited but resourceful suitor, and Carmen Miranda shows a volatile sense of comedy in her first humorous part. Notable in the supporting cast are Cesar Romero, Harry James and his Music Makers, Charlotte Greenwood and Edward Everett Horton. The picture is full of hit numbers, including that great favourite "I had the craziest dream," and Carmen also sings a Portugese version of "Chatanooga Choo Choo." Zoya and Fyodorova are featured in "Natasha," which is also being shown.

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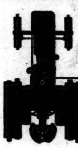

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3. Fuel system

Keep dirt and dust out of fuel tank. Use a funnel with a strainer. Never fill tank completely—only to 1 in. of top. Take care not to spill any fuel. Keep fuel pipe connections tight, and repair any leak immediately. Remove and clean filter once a week.

Use a funnel with strainer

As soon as the engine is warmed up, adjust carburetter needle setting to suit the load. Turn needle IN as far as it will go without causing misfiring. The choke should be used only when starting: *never* to strengthen the mixture when running. Fit a manifold shield to assist vaporisation of fuel and to reduce dilution of lubricating oil.

Adjust the needle to suit the load

SAVE TRACTOR FUEL

Ask your County Committee for a free copy of Tractor Maintenance Chart, which shows you how to save fuel.

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THE FAME OF A NAME

The name is known all over Britain, but the biscuits, alas, must be reserved for customers who live in Jacob's scheduled supply area. One thing remains the same—and will remain—that is Jacob's undertaking that, at all times, their biscuits shall be the best that money can buy. After the war, we shall *all* appreciate that quality.

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RURAL HOUSING

MINSTER COUNCIL LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Members of Minster Council on Tuesday discussed the post-war planning of the village.

A letter was read from the Kent County Advisory Service Committee for Parish Councils stating that, after the war, the improvement of council houses in the rural areas was of the greatest importance and that the number of houses was at present totally inadequate.

Continuing, the letter suggested that a public hall should be provided in each parish or village and adequate playing fields should be provided. It also advocated the encouragement of rural trades and crafts and the retention for agriculture of good tracts of soil.

"The villages of the future," stated the letter, "should not be built in the style of the old ones, but with fine new houses and away from, but within easy distance of, main roads. There should be electricity and main water in each house and to this the Ministry of Fuel have agreed."

Councillor H. V. Vokes said he thought the letter visualised a Utopia but Councillor the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry considered several items were most vital. If the Council were not careful these matters would be taken out of their hands altogether. There was a tendency to do away with parish councils and for that matter all councils, and have a regional director. Such an official, he thought, would be like a German gaulitier, and it would be a pity to lose the little freedom that parish councils still possessed.

Councillor Keniry then read the report of the sub-committee of the Council formed to consider post-war planning. They estimated that 104 houses in Minster would have to be reconditioned and 130 new houses built over a period of five years. It was thought that there would be a steady influx of workers into the country after the war, especially into Minster, where the different industries would provide employment.

It was decided that a list of houses to be reconditioned should be sent to Eastry Rural District Council.

The Council also agreed to affiliate with the Kent County Advisory Service Committee for Parish Councils.

ARE THEY TOUGH?

TEST OF HOME GUARD STOMACHS

You have withstood bombing and still live.

Can you keep down Home Guard cooking and still survive?

This is the challenge thrown out to members of "D" (Ramsgate) Company, 6th Batt., Kent Home Guard.

The day may yet come when the members of the company will have to spend some time at their battle positions and during a forthcoming week-end the company's feeding and messing arrangements are to be tested.

The company will man battle positions at 21.00 hours and will remain until 14.00 hours the following day. Uncooked rations will be provided for supper, breakfast and dinner and the rest will be up to the platoon cooks.

The success of the exercise will be in exact proportion to the number attending and a strong appeal is made to every member of "D" Company to support it. Names should be handed to platoon commanders as early as possible.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Miss K. D. Green, through whose initiative the Ramsgate toy industry came into being, has died at Chislet.

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L/Sgt. Edward P. Mitchell, Royal Berkshire Regiment, of 12 Speke-road, St. Peter's, has been captured by the Germans for the third time. On two previous occasions he was successful in escaping from the enemy. He served for four years in India before the outbreak of war and went to France in 1914.

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Sgt. G. R. Peete, R.A.M.C., of 60 Upper Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, is home on 14 days' leave from France. A Territorial prior to the war, he went to Gallipoli in 1915, stayed there until the evacuation and afterwards served in Egypt and Palestine.

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Youngest son of Alderman and Mrs. W. Coleman, of Ramsgate, Cdt. L. E. Coleman is home on leave. He has had another exciting voyage almost round the world, but it was not so strenuous as his previous trip when his ship was torpedoed.

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Pte. R. J. Bowen, Royal West Kents, of St. Peter's, has been home on leave for a few days. He was severely wounded in the thigh in March and has now been discharged from a Huddersfield hospital. Pte. Bowen is a well-known Thanet musician.

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The Rev. C. H. S. Matthews, Vicar of St. Peter's, has received orders to embark for active service in the near future.

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The active list of members of Broadstairs Council is further depleted by the departure, for service in the Army, of Councillor H. Hicks.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

ROYAL WEDDING

The wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May was observed in Thanet on Thursday with due celebrations and at Ramsgate indications of loyalty were decidedly in evidence. Many of the tradesmen in the town had their premises closed all day in honour of the occasion. Although it was in the main thoroughfares that the decorations were most profuse, there was hardly a street in the town which did not have flags and banners exhibited. Portraits of the bride and bridegroom were displayed in many shop windows, while in some places banners with pictures of the happy couple were suspended from one side of the road to the other. In the way of decorations and illuminations Kent-terrace took the premier position and the spectacle there presented a most effective one. At the top of the slope a handsome triumphant arch was erected. It was covered with evergreens which were set off to great advantage by flags artistically placed among the branches. There was a good array of flags in all the houses and Chinese lanterns hung elegantly across the place. These latter—about 380 in number—were lighted at dusk and when darkness set in a most charming effect was produced. All the vessels in the harbour were brightly decked.

OUR COMPLETE STORY

CONGO LEOPARD

by PHILIP NORGROVE

Viljoen walked home quickly for fear of the black dog. His car had refused to start. It was too late to get help, but his farm was not far from the town. He regretted the necessity of walking, for the black dog had become a terror in the neighbourhood, and he was unarmed. A hunter in his youth, he had now forsaken the habit of carrying weapons.

Kaffirs had seen the creature, indistinctly on dark nights, quartering the veld or stealng round the sheep pens. Animals had disappeared, later the bones of some of them were found in sluits and brakes. A herdsman, attacked and mauled, declared his assailant to be an enormous hound, big as a donkey, with eyes like coals. That was the black man's version, but it was unlike a Zulu to be so scared by any foe.

White farmers had wasted much time hunting the marauder, but the ground was to hard for spoor and the nights unusually dark. The killings continued, the natives were in a great state of fear, horrifying rumours spread, and few men would venture out alone by night. Viljoen thought it must be a big wolfhound turned sheep-killer. The owner would keep silent for fear of being held culpable.

That explanation would serve in daylight and the company of men, but on this mist-ridden road, with the wild mountain range looming up so close and forbidding—the historic seat of African tragedy and myth—one felt less complacent.

Passing a deserted hovel, a native's hut, he was joined by a small brown animal, a mongrel dog that trotted out of the darkness and then slunk forward with drooped ears and agitated tail. It gave Viljoen quite a start, but even such companionship was welcome.

"Come on, then Leeuw," he encouraged. "There'll be a bone on arrival."

Leeuw, his confidence restored, trotted happily beside the man, but soon he took the lead, looking back occasionally to make sure he was not alone. He was doing that, about ten yards ahead, when Viljoen received a great shock. At the top of the rise the mist was thinner, and the walls of piled stones visible. From one of these a black shadow detatched itself and drifted soundlessly towards the unconscious Leeuw.

Viljoen was frozen into immobility at sight of it; he started, aware of the suffocating thuds of his heart, which seemed to have risen to his throat. The black shadow was upon Leeuw with astonishing speed, and then the wretched animal became aware of it. He uttered yells of terror and rushed madly down the road. The shadow floated behind him in huge bounds, overtook him, and whisked him aloft. Leeuw fell silent. The shadow turned to menace the man.

Viljoen remembered his electric torch; he drew it out, and pressed the button. The broad beam shone out and enveloped the shadow, which turned inky-black against the glaring road. Two round spots shot green fire from the midst of the blackness.

"It's a leopard!" cried Viljoen, amazed. "A black leopard!" He had seen such a beast once in the Johannesburg Zoo, and had never forgotten the threat of its basilisk gaze. For a moment the creature regarded him, the dead dog hanging from its jaws; then, in a succession of huge bounds, it was gone into the darkness.

Viljoen was then aware of footsteps on the road. A small man wearing thick glases, came up to him. "You have seen him?" he said, excitedly. "It is Muga, for whom I look. Where has he gone?"

Viljoen told him what had happened. He then demanded explanations. Du Toit was a trader in wild animals; he had brought Muga from Leopardsville to Durban at great expense, and there entrained for the Rand. "He is to be delivered to a private collector, but at Escout there is railway accident, and he escape. I have been looking ever since."

So the leopard had crossed the range! Viljoen marvelled. To his inquiry why Du Toit had not broadcast news of his loss, the trader replied, "He is a devil!—a black devil from the Congo! He is worth big price. They will shoot him and I shall lose much money."

He laid an imploring hand on the other's sleeve. "You help me, and I pay twenty pounds. Come now to my car, where I have left it hidden."

By the time they reached the vehicle, Viljoen had made up his mind. Attracted more by adventure than hope of reward, he agreed to assist in recapturing the dangerous beast.

Muga, with the dog in its jaws, travelled uphill towards the Berg. In a patch of bushes far from the road he made his meal, afterwards drinking in a stream. Then he went on to the heights. Morning found him at the foot of a cliff-like crag, about whose summit the mist still clung. Muga ascended a sandy path on the face of that crag till he reached a cave in the granite. At the mouth of this he lay stretched, waiting for the sun to rise and warm him.

He stared sphinx-like, with fierce yellow eyes at the valley below. He hated it, and was afraid of it. The dim warm forest of his home dwelt ever in his mind; these cold windy heights filled him with dread, increasing the natural ferocity of his character. Still, this was better than captivity in a smelly cage, rocked and buffeted by constant travel.

But there was no security here; everything was strange to him, he must hunt in the valleys among houses and men. Men he feared more than the black mambas lurking among these rocks; snakes whose ferocity matched his own, whose bite is the most deadly in the world.

When it grew warm he retired into the little cave and slept. Late in the day he was awakened by strange noises, and peered out to see a camp by the stream. Black men and white clustered round the wagon. It was Du Toit's little expedition, outfitted by the adventurous Viljoen. Muga watched them, snarling soundlessly in the half-light of his cave.

When night fell he emerged and took his way along a narrow ravine into the mountains. The men were on his trail—and he knew it. This night was clear and bright with stars. Muga went slowly over unknown country. Climbing a ridge, he continued through another, larger ravine, among jumbled rocks and scattered bushes bound with vines. He saw no sign of animal life, but once a hooded head rose from behind a boulder and hissed warning. Muga sprang clear as the rope-like form slid away.

At the top of that ravine he heard a sound of grunting, and his heart leapt wildly. Out of the gloom appeared a lithe grey shape, a she-leopard. She was one of the few remaining leopards in these mountains, and had come from the wild gorges round Giant's Castle on a voyage of discovery.

Muga gave the greeting signal and revealed himself. Ingwi was overwhelmed; she had never seen anything like him; he was the personification of strength and beauty, a fascinating gallant from far lands. As for Muga, he was in transports of delight. This foreign, unfriendly place was transformed; he had a mate and companion to guide him on the unknown trails, to hunt with him, and dispel the sense of loneliness and inadequacy.

And Ingwi forthwith gave proof of capabilties; she discovered and killed a klipspringer among the rocks where Muga would have thought no antelope could tread. They fed, and then Muga, careless now of enemies, led his new mate back to show her the hunting grounds where he had so daringly supplied his wants.

Thus it was that Viljoen, coming cautiously up to the cave in the early light, found two sets of pugs in the sandy trail. Ah, well, it would be two captives instead of one.

The hunter crept forward, shot-gun ready. Behind him, Du Toit led four Kaffirs holding a rope net with big stones at its edges. They took another path and climbed to a position above the cave. There the Kaffirs arranged themselves in preparation for casting the net over the leopard when he should emerge.

It was Viljoen's task to lure him out. He had all the reckless courage of his race, and considerable experience obtained in the Zambesi bush-veld. Secure in the protection of his double charge of buck-shot, he stood in the trail, shouting and throwing pebbles into the cave.

Muga appeared, crawling belly to earth, prepared to defend his mate to the death. He crouched, snarling wickedly at the man. A jutting boulder as yet protected him from the net-throwers above.

It was then that the mamba rose from thin grass at the root of a bush and challenged the lot of them. He was a ten-foot snake, old and dauntless; his head swayed clear of the ground, his neck puffed into a hood, and his baleful gaze shifted constantly between animal and man.

Viljoen expected attack from both enemies. The sweat began to run down his back under his shirt. A yell from the Kaffirs announced that they had dropped the net and bolted. A war-like mamba was to much for them.

At the same moment the snake started a gliding rush at Viljoen. It was swift as flowing water, but Muga was swifter. An enormous bound brought him within reach, one paw descended on the snake's back, the other dealt the striking head a sideways blow that knocked it to the ground. Muga seized the reptile by the neck, so that it could not bit, and began to worry the life out of it.

Viljoen waited for nothing; he ran down the hill. Back at the wagon, he told Du Toit, "Man, I'm terrified of mambas. I was so scared I should have missed it. The leopard saved me, and I won't hunt him again. He can go free for my part."

Muga, having defended his mate and slain the fanged horror that invaded their refuge, thought well of himself. Nevertheless, he agreed when Ingwi showed her aversion for this place where men abounded, and obediently followed her guidance in a daylight journey through wild, lonely defiles, deep into the mountains where was her home.

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

JOURNEY FOR MARGARET

ROBERTSON HARE AT KING'S

Following "Mrs. Miniver" and "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Journey for Margaret," which is being shown at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow, is one of the most touching stories of to-day.

Crammed with drama and rich in warm human valpes, the picture features Robert Young as a war correspondent and Laraine Day as his understanding wife. Fay Bainter, fresh from her triumph as "Mrs. Hadley," heads a grand supporting cast, with Nigel Bruce and William Severn. Margaret is played with astonishing power and insight by little Margaret O'Brien, chosen from hundreds of child actresses. The activities of a famous outlaw form the story of "Jesse James at Bay," starring Roy Rogers and George Hayes, which is also being screened.

Two stars of the famous old Aldwych team, Robertson Hare and Alfred Drayton, return to the screen in "Women Aren't Angels," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Few British pictures have had such an hilarious and entertainment-packed plot as this film, which is concerned with the misadventures of two business partners who are members of the Home Guard. They get into the clutches of two notorious women (Polly Ward and Joyce Heron) when their wives leave to join the A.T.S. Walter Woolf King and Joan Woodbury are featured in "A Yank in Libya," the supporting film.

AWARDED LLOYD'S MEDAL

Decorated with the British Empire Medal last year for gallantry when serving on a merchant ship in a Malta convoy, Midshipman Frederick W. Treves, of Margate, has now been awarded Lloyd's Medal for saving life at sea.

Midshipman Treves has since transferred to the Royal Naval Reserve and is now on the cruiser Cumberland.

SURRENDER OF LINOSA

Thanet Man's Graphic Story

STAGGERING AIR ATTACKS

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Sig. Kenneth Allen, was a member of the crew of H.M.S. Nubian, which accepted the surrender of Linosa, after the fall of Pantellaria and Lampedusa.

Sig. Allen was a member of the landing party and had the distinction of flashing back to his ship the news that the terms of surrender had been accepted.

Prior to the war Sig. Allen was a member of Margate Corporation Borough Treasurer's staff.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allen, of 6 Wellis-gardens, Margate, he has described his experiences as follows:

The last few days have been busy and extremely interesting and instructive in the art of total war. The fun started with the far-famed Pantellaria, which has been a thorn in our side for a very long time. We left here one evening in force and steamed placidly towards the island, which we affectionately know as 'Pants.' In some mysterious way we all had a rough idea of what was about to take place, and were therefore not particularly surprised when the captain announced the programme. As you will have heard, we gave the place a very sound banging from the sea, and, as we have learned to expect from our captain, we went in closer than any other ship. He is wonderfully cool in action, and since I spent most of the time on the bridge there was a fine opportunity of observing him.

Impossible to Miss.

As the radio announced, there was a certain amount of retaliatory fire, so we never quite knew what to expect. There was the coastline, silent, except for the bursts of shells from other ships, and there were we steadily and remorselessly steaming towards it. The bridge was crowded, but head and shoulders above everybody else stood the captain, wearing an antiquated floppy straw hat, very strongly reminiscent of "Widow Twankey," glancing periodically at the compass, and occasionally inquiring about the depth of water. In his hand was a white handkerchief, the corner of which he chews continuously in tense moments. Only when we were as close as possible did he open fire, and it was impossible to miss our target. The advancing part is rather nerve-wracking, but I found (and I am not being sloppy) that one could draw new strength from the tall figure in the centre of the bridge. That is the type of man we have in charge of us, and I can only say that I wish there were more like him.

Among the many incidents we saw at "Pants" was the real meaning of "a heavy attack by large forces of the United Nations aircraft." It is staggering. Unless one has actually seen it, one cannot possible have any conception of what it is like, and words are hopelessly inadequate to describe it. Bombs rain down from the sky as wave after wave of planes go over. The entire coastline was cut off from sight by endless clouds of dust, and rubble was blown far into the air by the force of the explosions. It is wonderful how anything could live under such a hail of destruction, and yet, when the pall of smoke cleared, the coast looked much the same as ever.

The capture of Lampedusa (another of our old friends) is much the same story.

Solo Effort.

The real news, as far as we are concerned, is our capture of Linosa, which, as the radio said, was effected by H.M.S. Nubian. This was a unique experience for me, because I was the signalman to land with the party. We were told the night before what was happening, and also that it was to be a solo effort on our part.

In the past our speciality has been enemy shipping, which definitely is exciting. However, back to Linosa. As we approached we had no idea what to expect. The island's defences were an unknown quantity, and so was the number of the garrison. Also so far as I know, the R.A.F. had not plastered the place to any extent. Anyway, we approached with a large white flag at the masthead (I understand an officer is bewailing the loss of a sheet), and lowered a boat containing a small party, of which I was one. We went to the land and were met by a deputation, also under a white flag. The Army and population were only too pleased to surrender but, of course, that had to be concluded with the big chief himself who, we discovered, was still turned in. That was quite understandable in view of the early hour. However, the gentleman was roused, and, on finding his Army had surrendered, accepted our terms, the news of which I conveyed to the ship by morse code. Then began the real work of dealing with the installations, etc., but I mustn't write about that. Whilst the chaps were prowling over the island doing what they had to do, I remained on a hillside passing and receiving signals. It was quite entertaining.

Language Difficulty Ovrecome.

Here is a brief description of the place from what I saw of it and have learned since. The island itself is volcanic rock and therefore, as one might expect, consists entirely of alternative hills and valleys which are very beautiful. My point of vantage was on a dusty pathway half-way up the first hill. Down in the bay lay the Nubian looking very formidable with her guns covering the island. Through my binoculars I could see the captain in his usual place, though the distance was too far to see if he was masticating yet another handkerchief. With me was the second in command of the ship, who was O.C. landing party. He is a very genial man, built, to his dismay, on the lines of Falstaff, which was regrettable in view of the vast amount of climbing he had to do. With us were the officers and commandant of the garrison rounding up their men for transport to the ship. The commandant was Italian but could speak French. One of our officers spoke Italian fluently and another French, so there was no lingual difficulty until both of them were away together. The

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commandant asked our O.C. a question in French, which both he and I understood, but the difficulty came in replying. Our officer could understand, but was not fluent, so the two of us had a concerted go, and I imagine the result sounded something like a Clapham and Dwyer act. Anyway, he understood what we were driving at and all was well. The Italian commandant was a little surprised to find me, a rating, speaking a language other than my own, and I found myself being treated with a great deal of respect.

Several of the Italian soldiers could speak French, and I had a long jaw with them. At midday we returned to the ship, our job being done, and now the British Empire has yet another outpost.

TUNNEL DEATH

PASSING OF RAMSGATE MAN

Taken ill in the Spencer-square section of Ramsgate A.R.P. tunnel on Wednesday night, a 32-year-old man died before medical assistance could reach him.

Deceased, William Alfred Crittenden, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Crittenden, of 21 Townley-street, had been in ill-health for about ten years.

His father is well-known in the town as a warden.

FOR LONG SERVICE

AWARDS TO RAMSGATE SPECIALS

Medal ribbons for long service were presented to 34 members and former members of Ramsgate Special Constabulary at the police parade ground on Thursday.

The presentation was made by Mr. W. Palmer, Assistant Chief Constable of No. 4 District, K.C.C., who, in addition, handed two bars—one for 1929 and the other for 1939—to Sgt. W. H. Jacobsen to add to the medal which he gained for service in the special constabulary in the last war. Sgt. Jacobsen recently resigned from the force after being associated with it for 29 years.

Mr. Palmer, who was introduced by C/I H. G. Butcher, said it was a pleasure to come to Ramsgate and acknowledge the services that the specials were rendering to the town. Unfortunately it was not possible to present them with medals, only the ribbons, owing to the demands of war production.

It was not generally known by the public, said Mr. Palmer, that the work of the specials was purely voluntary. When people saw a man in uniform they were inclined to think that he must be a paid servant.

Concerning the merger of the police forces, Mr. Palmer said he did not think it made much difference to the specials except that they probably missed the fatherly or motherly touch of the Watch Committee.

He concluded by expressing the hope that the town would not suffer further by visits from the enemy and said he was happy to know that none of the specials had been injured in carrying out their duties during air raids.

Present members who received ribbons were: Cmdt. W. W. Lance Almond, C/I S. E. Austin, Insprs. R. Aiano, C. S. Holthouse, J. C. Morrison and D. C. Hogwood, Sgts. G. Kiy, S. A. Ovenden, S. V. West, E. G. Butcher, T. Robinson and A. Fearn, and S/Cs R. E. Attwell, F. J. Chiddention, A. L. Dane, G. H. Edwards, W. S. Edwards, W. H. Forwood, J. Hackett, C. G. Marsh, W. H. Masters, S. H. Morgan, H. Page, S. J. Spells, H. Tucker, P. A. Wood, F. W. Woodman, A. F. Maxted and G. J. Ballard.

Ribbons were also awarded to S/Cs S. T. Jones, A. Moyler and P. R. Williams, who are now in the forces, and W. T. Cooper and F. W. Sharp, who have resigned owing to ill-health.

ST. PETER'S MAN A PRISONER

Eldest of four serving brothers, Cpl. Walter Cullen, R.A., a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cullen, who resided in St. Peter's for many years, has been reported a prisoner of the Japanese in Java.

After attending St. Peter's School, Cpl. Cullen entered a riding school at Margate and, riding exhibits at the principal horse shows in the country, won several prizes.

He enlisted in the Royal Dragoons at the age of 16 and although he obtained his discharge two years later he joined the Royal Artillery soon after the war broke out. At the evacuation of Dunkirk he was serving as an anti-aircraft gunner. He arrived in Java just before the island fell.

THE FOOD FRONT

SOLVING ONE OF THE HOUSE-WIFE'S MAJOR PROBLEMS

Homely screw-topped jars and bottles and tins with well fitting lids, such as can be found in any housewife's store cupboard, were the high light of a popular display of "carried meals" just staged in London by the Ministry of Food.

By using simple containers of this kind a great variety of dishes can be carried easily to work and thus the monotony of the day-in day-out sandwich can be avoided. Tasty and satisfying dishes such as fish creams, potato omelettes and fresh salads can take their place in the lunch boxes, with chocolate and custard moulds, and so on, to give a sweet touch to a meal.

The Ministry's exhibition was divided into four groups: for a worker on day shift, for a worker on a night shift, for a train traveller, and for a child attending a school where there is no canteen. Here are a few of the recipes:-

Fish Cream.

(Carried in a wide mouthed screw topped glass jar)

4ozs. of grade 3 salmon
½ pint of thick piquante parsley sauce

The fish is lightly folded into the sauce, and kept in as large pieces as possible. A fork is carried with it.

Oslo Meal.

A salad.

4ozs. of any mixed salad, such as 2ozs. of finely shredded cabbage or lettuce leaves
1 dessertspoonful of coarsely chopped parsley
1 or 2 tablespoonsful of grated raw carrot
1 or 2 tablespoonsful of beetroot, grated raw, (or cooked)
1 tomato sliced

This salad is carried in a screw topped glass jar

With it goes a fork and a small bottle, containing salad dressing made as follows:-

2 tablespoonsful of dried milk
2 tablespoonsful of vinegar
1 tablespoonful of water
Salt, pepper and mustard to taste

Mix all the ingredients together until thoroughly creamy.

To eat with the salad, bread and butter and a piece of cheese and a bottle of milk are packed. A slice of cake may be added.

Scotch Eggs.

Carried in a clean tin, with a well-fitting lid, to prevent them from breaking. The tin should be lined with lettuce or cabbage heart leaves to save grease proof paper.

3 dried eggs reconstituted
½lb. of sausage meat
Pepper and salt

Steam the egg in greased egg cups for 10 minutes. Cool, cover with sausage meat. Coat with browned crumbs. Fry evenly. Cool.

Rissoles.

Carried in the same manner as the Scotch Eggs.

2ozs. minced of finely chopped meat (cooked)
2ozs. cooked beans
4ozs. cooked mashed potato
Pepper and salt
1 tablespoon stale breadcrumbs
1 dried egg reconstituted
1 tablespoon chopped onion or leek

Method:

Mix all ingredients thoroughly together, bind to very stiff consistency with egg and a little water if required. Form into rounds, flatten, coat in crumbs, bake or fry and allow to cool.

Custard Mould.

This is made straight into a glass jar, allowed to cool and set, before the lid is put on.

1 dried egg (in powder form)
1 tablespoonful of dried milk powder
1 tablespoonful of sugar
¼ pint of water
Fruit or jam for bottom of container

Mix egg, milk, and sugar. Beat in the water. Cook for 20 minutes. Pour into the mould on the jam. Allow to set.

VAN CRASHES THROUGH HOUSE

The front of a house in Minster was demolished on Wednesday when a 8cwt. Army van crashed into it.

The vehicle was being driven by a lieutenant and he ran into the front of 4, Tothill-terrace when swerving to avoid a cat.

Fortunately Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bailey, the occupants, were not indoors at the time but their sixteen-year-old son George was sitting in the front room when the bonnet and wings of the van burst through. He escaped without injury as did the driver, although the van was very severely damaged.

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MERCHANT NAVY WEEK

JULY 31st——AUGUST 8th

Chairman: **The Mayor of Ramsgate** Secretary: **Mrs. Peete**
Committee: **The Mayoress, Mrs. Galloway, Messrs. Jennings, Lewis, Pook, W/O Roberts, R.N., Shanahan, Hartley and Hearnden**

WEDNESDAY, July 28th
WEST CLIFF THEATRE—**CONCERT**
by a Naval Base, and the **Election of the Merchant Navy Queen.** Entries accepted now by the Secretary at Clarendon House. **No previous Carnival Queens eligible**

SATURDAY, July 31st
MERCHANT NAVY FLAG DAY
organised by the Mayoress

SUNDAY, August 1st
GRAND ALL-STAR CONCERT at the WEST CLIFF THEATRE
at **2.30 p.m.** Artistes include Dame Irene Vanburgh, Dennis Noble, Flora Nielson, Scott Gordon and Mrs. Scott Gordon, Wyndham Howard, Thomas Marshall and others

MONDAY, August 2nd
GRAND FETE at CHATHAM HOUSE
to be opened by Capt. Howard, R.N., D.S.O.
Sports Meeting, Races for Military, A.T.C. and School Children. Band of the Royal Marines, Chatham. Fruit and Vegetable Show by the Horticultural Society. Baby Show. Entrance Forms at Clarendon House, fee 3d. All the Fun of the Fair. Troopers Concert Party during the evening.

TUESDAY, August 3rd
COMPETITIONS NIGHT at all CLUBS in the town

WEDNESDAY, August 4th
INTER-SERVICES BOXING TOURNAMENT
Organised by P/C W. Shanahan for the Committee
at the WEST CLIFF THEATRE
Details to follow

THURSDAY, August 5th
OPEN-AIR WHIST DRIVE
in the OLD VICARAGE GARDEN, CHAPEL PLACE, 3 p.m.
If wet in the Gymnasium, Clarendon House.
MERCHANT NAVY BALL at the WEST CLIFF THEATRE
7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 6th
CRICKET MATCH at CHATHAM HOUSE
A Naval Base versus Police

SATURDAY, August 7th
ALL-IN AUCTION SALE at the GYMNASIUM, CLARENDON HOUSE
6.30 p.m.
All articles welcome for the Sale, especially from anybody who has someone in the Merchant Navy

LIMELIGHT ON STOKERS

"BLACK SQUAD" IN ACTION

"Out of sight out of mind" is what naval stokers often say, believing that the public generally does not fully appreciate the importance of their job. But the "black squad," as stokers are called by their shipmates, are not always out of sight.

Stkr. P/O Herbert Shersby, of Broadstairs, who is 43 years of age and has completed 25 years' continuous service in the Navy, quoting from his experiences in this war, says:

"We stokers are all trained to handle a gun, and when not on duty below we all have our gunnery action stations, usually as gun loaders or ammunition supply parties."

Shersby has served in 13 ships, but during the war he has served all the time in the corvette H.M.S. Shearwater, which he joined when she was commissioned in the first week of the war.

"It was the stokers who probably saved the Shearwater when she was being attacked from the air during the Dunkirk affair," he said. "The Oerlikon gun ran out of ammunition just as one of the aircraft was preparing to dive-bomb us. It was the stokers, manning the Lewis guns, who engaged the enemy. Several attempts by the enemy to launch an attack were beaten off by the accuracy of our fire and eventually they left us alone.

"It was the 'black squad' who went to the rescue of men of the destroyer H.M.S. Exmoor when she was sunk by E-boats in the North Sea. Stokers manned the Shearwater's whaler to pick up survivors, and one of our number hung on a rope over the ship's side to help exhausted survivor's to safety.

"And it is we stokers who steal the limelight when there's a towing job to be done. The Shearwater has towed one or two disabled ships to safety and it is the stokers who do the main job of joining the two vessels with a towing line. Some of the weather you get for these difficult operations means that a stoker has also to be an accomplished seaman," contends Stkr. P/O Shersbsy.

C.E.M.A. MUSIC

Encouragement for the formation of a Thanet Musical Club was given by Miss Sybil Eaton, Regional Organiser for C.E.M.A., at a meeting at Ramsgate last week.

Miss Eaton said the Council had decided to make a special grant for concerts to be given in coastal towns. A concert would be given in Ramsgate in August and another in October. A continuance of the grant would depend on the attendance at the concerts and the financial position.

At a concert following the meeting Mr. H. Haworth, Ramsgate pianist and organist, accompanied Miss Eaton in a work of his own composition—a lovely sonata for violin and piano in three movements. Although Miss Eaton had seen the score only the day, she rendered the second movement, a nocturne, exquisitely.

Miss Eaton also played with utmost artistry the Beethoven sonata in G major, accompanied with great sensitiveness by Mr. Bert French, and a piece by Bach, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Perry.

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Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Famine Relief.—Famine relief in Europe is to be discussed at a public meeting to be held at St. George's Hall, Ramsagte, on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. S. B. Green will preside and the speaker will be the Rev. Mercier Wilson.

Nearing the Target.—The sum of £86 11s. has already been sent to the Red Cross Fund as a result of whist drives held at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place. The target is £100 and the M.C., Mr. A. Setterfield, invites the support of all whist players. Drives are held each evening at 7.15 and on Monday afternoons at 3.15.

Whist and Bridge Drive.—Arranged by Mrs. M. J. McDonald, hon. organising secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the Royal Naval War Libraries, a whist and bridge drive is to be held in the garden of the local centre, 2 West Cliff-villas, West Cliff-road, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th July. The price of tickets, inclusive of tea, is 2s. for whist and 2s. 6d. for bridge.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Light at Rangers' Hall.—A fine of £1 was imposed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on Mrs. Eileen Jessie Ludford, of Albert-street, who pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show after black-out on 26th June at a hall in Albert-street used by Ramsgate Rangers. In a letter defendant said she forgot to switch off the lights after visiting the hall to do some cleaning.

Bank Holiday Dances.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted extensions of the music and dancing license at the West Cliff Theatre until 11.30 p.m. for Bank Holiday dances on the 31st July and 2nd August and for a Merchant Navy Week ball on 5th August. In respect of each occasion Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license to sell intoxicating liquors between 7.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

School Attendance.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a fortnight a case in which Mrs. Edith May Ross, of St. George's-road, was summoned for failing to send her 11-year-old daughter regularly to school. Mr. James Hackett, School Inquiry Officer, said that from 2nd April to 18th June the child was absent 58 times out of a possible 94 attendances. Mrs. Ross said the child did not always go to school when she sent her and at the present time she had no coupons to buy her any shoes.

MINSTER

Dance Aids Hospital.—Ramsgate General Hospital benefited to the extent of £4 11s. by a dance organised by Mrs. Lucas and held in Minster parish hall. About 150 people were present and music was provided by Don Beerling's band.

A.T.C. Welfare.—Good progress in educational work was reported by Flg. Off. H. R. Cooke at a meeting of Minster A.T.C. Welfare Committee. The Rev. Father T. A. Keniry presided and it was stated that there are now 28 members in the Minster Flight.

War Comforts Whist.—Mr. W. Loveday was M.C. at a whist drive held at Minster parish hall on Wednesday, when the winners were Mrs. Vince, Pte. White, Mr. Forwood, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Gunn, Mrs. Fairbrace and Mr. Salmon. Profits amounting to £1 16s. 3d. were for the Minster War Comforts Fund.

Banking Hours.—Inadequate banking facilities in the village were referred to by Councillor the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry at Tuesday's meeting of Minster Council. He pointed out that the bank only opened on Thursday and it was not possible for everyone to transact business on that day. The members decided to write to the bank management requesting them to open on two days a week.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 10.56 p.m. TILL 5.12 a.m.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Unfading Tradition Twelve pages of Old Ruymian Notes No. 5 are crammed with news about hosts of Chatham House boys who are now serving on land and sea and in the air, in Britain and overseas. In a foreword to the book, which is produced quarterly, the editor, Mr. L. C. Philpott, has a few words to say about the present school which has now completed three years in exile at Stafford.

"Although its numbers have now decreased to one-half of the normal," he writes, "its spirit and tradition shows no sign of fading in strange surroundings. It is curious to reflect that a large proportion of present members of Chatham House have not yet been inside the building bearing that name; a few have even entered and left the school without so doing. There is no doubt that the loyalty and continued interest of our old boys have played a large part in the keeping of the school together under these abnormal conditions."

O.Rs in Tunisia Naturally much of the news of old scholars concerns those who have taken their share in the North African fighting. L. H. Bing (who entered the school in 1921) went to that part of the world early in the year and in an airgraph described a little of his life there, reporting his growing proficiency at washing his own clothes. J. L. W. Nunn (1924) is there with the Royal Corps of Signals and W. J. Jarman (1924) has now returned to England from North Africa.

F. G. Large (1928) was wounded early in the Tunisian campaign and returned to this country almost at once. Although he is progressing well it looks as though his course of treatment will take a long time. H. Gill (1928) moved up with the victorious Eighth Army and on passing through Tobruk tried to find the graves of D. C. Prickett and J. R. J. Keevil, but without success.

One of the Italian prisoners with whom J. M. Bence (1930) made contact knew the Kent coast well and had a particularly soft spot for Thanet, while D. C. Thurley (1935) has been playing football in hot weather and taken full advantage of the plentiful fruit supply.

Other O.Rs in North Africa include T. G. W. Webb, E. J. Shepherd and R. A. J. Thurgood (1925), N. H. Gore, D. H. W. Rogers and F. S. Tully (1927), B. A. Thurgood (1929), W. A. Palmer (1930), S. C. W. Roberts (1931), E. P. Wanstall (1933) and E. M. Larsen (1935).

Cricket Gear From somewhere between the Middle East and India E. R. Solly (1927) writes to say that the rainy season is at last inducing a small amount of vegetation to appear. He now plays cricket, indeed with a proper ball, but petrol tins and pick shafts constitute the rest of the equipment. He has formed a small choir to assist with the Sunday services and in this the voice of C. E. H. Barrows is heard in the bass. Solly's further achievements include some successes in the regimental sports, notably a second place in the long jump.

Amateur Explorer S. M. Fagg (1931), who, together with A. J. Ougham (1931), is now in Iceland, writes to say that he finds his greatest relaxation in amateur exploration. There seems little else to do as the people are still sufficently suspicious to appear to be inhospitable and it is impossible to go to a cinema unless one books a seat at the most impossible times, paying at the door being unknown.

V. A. Knivett (1931) is in a warmer part of the world and, after spending some time in South Africa, has been transferred to the Middle East. In addition to wireless he is now studying Arabic script and, far from being entranced with the glamour of the East, is appalled by the filth, disease and squalor. H. A. Crawshaw (1924) is engaged in Government veterinary work in Bechuanaland and although he is due for leave this year seems doubtful if it will materialise.

Engineer Architect After a silence of many years L. G. Rowlinson (1925) has written to give an account of his activities. When he left school he was in private practice as an architect and later joined the staff of Margate Corporation as architectural assistant. Afterwards he became chief architectural assistant to Tamworth Corporation, a position he still holds, although he has joined the Army. After considerable difficulty in obtaining release for the forces, he was drafted to the Royal Engineers, although his preference was for the R.A.F. He has now proceeded overseas but while still in this country he won a silver cup for crack shooting and was a member of the Southern Command orchestra. The notes congratulate him on obtaining first place in the designs for the new Tamworth Civic Centre—part of the post-war reconstruction plans.

Policeman's Promotion R. S. Wilsher (1927) has been appointed an inspector in the Eritrean Police. He has had a spell in an American hospital with yellow jaundice, but managed to compensate for this by securing some leave which he spent at sea in a fishing dhow. His main work consists in boarding shipping, the control of civil passengers at an aerodrome and of Yemen traders from Arabia. These traders use the old fashioned dhow almost exclusively and are totally reliant on the wind for power.

The notes also contain references to members who have the misfortune to be prisoners of war and records that in connection with the Old Ruymian fund for them a target of £26 12s. was set last term to send a parcel of books and 200 cigarettes to each. The target was passed and the parcels duly despatched.

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Cricketer Sailor Local cricketers, particularly the Wesleyans, of which club he was a useful member, will be interested to know that Tom Rolfe has returned to England after two years in a destroyer in Mediterranean waters. During his travels he has met many Ramsgate men, including Wally Price, of Cecilia-road, Albert Sanders, of Spencer-square, and Phil Bartlett, formerly of the Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department. While in India Tom did well at cricket and, besides playing for his ship, was included in the team of a Bombay college. He formerly lived at 108 Hereson-road, but his wife is now at St. Alban's.

Luxury Living After the discomforts of the desert, Harold Bingham, a well-known Ramsgate Artilleryman, who has just been promoted to the rank of regimental sergeant-major, has now experienced the comparative luxury of living in a block of flats elaborately built by the Italians.

In a recent letter to his wife, formerly a nurse at Ramsgate Hospital, who lives at 4 Rawdon-road, R/S/M Bingham said "When we arrived in a large town in North Africa we found a block of flats at our disposal for use as headquarters, so we have at last a roof over our heads.

"The rooms are large and lofty—about 14ft. high—and the walls are of coloured concrete, while the floors, even upstairs, are all tiled. A marble staircase leads up to the loft. Although the drainage system was blown up by the Italians before they left and there is no water supply, the chromium-plated taps and large baths remind one of civilisation, even though we can't use them. The water here is foul and tastes of chlorine and salt. The tea leaves a salty taste in the mouth and the addition of water ruins the taste of gin and whisky, so we quench our thirst with oranges—but we get one bottle of beer a week."

R/S/M Bingham was sergeant-major of a Ramsgate artillery battery with which he went overseas in December, 1940, but he was transferred from the unit before it proceeded to Crete. Since that time he has moved up with the Eighth Army.

Employed as a clerk by Messrs. Grummant Bros., the builders, in peace-time, he is a member of the Royal Navy Lodge of Freemasons and also of the Isle of Thanet Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F. He celebrates his 41st birthday this month and is an old boy of Christ Church School.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Scotch Mist? In a letter received recently by a member of our staff, Sgt. D. Addington, R.A.F., Middle East, relates an amusing incident which happened when the plane of which he was a member of the crew made a forced landing. "After we had been there some time," he writes, "the Air-Sea Rescue boys picked us up. On seeing our wrecked kite one of the Rescue boys pointed to the completely smashed observer's position, remarking 'Good job nobody was flying in that position,' whereupon our observer, an Australian, by the way, turned round to remark 'What d'you think I am, a Scotch mist ! !'" Sgt. Addington was formerly a member of our technical staff.

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Invincible Flies Flt./Sgt. David Videan, son of the late superintendent of Ramsgate Post Office, can see the funny side of the problem which is one of the main worries of our servicemen in the Middle East—namely flies.

Writing to his mother, who now lives at Malvern, David says: "The other day I had the opportunity of examining one of the 1943 models at close quarters. They are very similar to last year's flies, but seem to be rather smaller, probably because they have only recently been built. The six-legged retractable under-carriage remains unaltered except for slight strengthening here and there. I am told that the new and stronger under-carriage will resist all but a direct hit from the fly swat. The pilot's view is as good as ever and the five million windows or eyes should eliminate the danger of enemy attack from the rear.

"Summing up, I have reason to believe that the flies this year will continue to do their usual damage and will manage to drive many thousands of Englishmen to the verge of insanity."

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Captain Honoured The name of Capt. Edward G. King, R.A.S.C., recently appeared in a list of Army honours and awards. He received the Certificate of Good Service from the G.O.C., Home Forces. Capt. King, who paid a short visit to Ramsgate at Eastertime, is one of five local brothers who served in the first Great War.

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Sergeant's Transfer The brothers Victor and Jack Denne are spending leave together at their home, 47 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate. Vic, a sergeant in the R.A., has now left the Orkney Isles and is stationed in the eastern counties, while Jack has had several moves since entering the R.A.S.C. earlier this year. Their brother George is now engaged on farm work, and all were well-known at St. Luke's Club.

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Oddfellow in India Dvr. Fred Field, R.A.S.C., formerly on the committee of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club, writes from India to the steward, Mr. Stan Prett, conveying best wishes to fellow members. Fred says he manages to get a game of billiards now and again but he has not played snooker since he left England.

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CYCLIST'S CLAIM

CORPORATION WORKMAN'S CASE FAILS

"Temporary staff seem to work for corporations all their lives," commented counsel during the hearing of a case at Margate County Court last week.

Walter John Arnold Fyles, of Fulham-avenue, Garlinge, a Corporation waterworks employee, claimed £10 19s. special damages from Andrews and Son, monumental masons, of Addington-road, Margate, following an accident in which plaintiff's cycle came into collision with defendants' lorry.

The claim included two weeks' loss of wages.

Mr. L. MacLaren represented plaintiff and Mr. C. C. Maughan the defendants.

In evidence plaintiff described the accident, which occurred at the junction of Maynard-avenue and George Vth-avenue, and alleged carelessness on the part of the lorry driver.

Plaintiff said he attended Margate General Hospital as an out-patient for ten days. He sustained a cut on his ear, which had to be stitched, cuts on the forehead and face, and several cuts on his hand. He was away from work a fortnight, losing £7 4s. wages. He was a motor driver employed by the Waterworks Department of the Corporation on a weekly wage.

In reply to his Honour Judge Clements, plaintiff said he was not given notice by his employers. They paid him sick pay, and in the event of him winning the action he would have to refund it. He was a temporary employee.

His Honour remarked to Mr. MacLaren that in the ordinary course the Corporation should have given the man notice to terminate his employment. Otherwise he was still in their employee and entitled to his full wages.

Act of Grace.

Counsel agreed, but said that since the House of Lords judgment in a case which decided that point corporations seemed to enter into special arrangements with so-called temporary staff, by which they were not entitled to anything when away from work, but by an act of grace were made an allowance. "Temporary staff seem to work for corporations all their lives," he added.

Plaintiff said he was a weekly servant. It was a recognised thing with the Corporation that if a man was away through illness he received half-pay for so many weeks, but if he had an accident he was not entitled to that, as he would receive compensation.

His Honour: That is nonsense. In the case to which we are referring the man was a weekly servant. The Corporation should give you notice before stopping your money. What you say may be a perfectly good arrangement in regard to sickness. Did you go on compensation?

Plaintiff: No, I did not think it would be worth while as it was not very long.

His Honour said he thought that if plaintiff succeeded in the action he would be entitled to the full amount of his wages.

John Smith, of Nash-road, Margate, the driver of the lorry, said when he saw plaintiff he pulled up in half the length of the vehicle. The cyclist did not stop or slow down.

Giving judgment for defendants, with costs, his Honour said he was inclined to think that plaintiff was mistaken in thinking that he was on the left-hand side of the road at the time of the accident.

HOME GUARD PRISONER OF WAR CIGARETTE FUND

A whist drive organised by Sgt. Nichols and Mrs. Nichols in aid of "D" (Ramsgate) Company, Home Guard, Prisoner of War Cigarette Fund, was held in St. Lawrence parish hall last week.

There were 18¼ tables in play, and the sum of £6 4s. was realised.

Mr. Pook acted as M.C.

Donors of prizes and money included Messrs. Page and Son, Mrs. Stanner's party, Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Bickerton, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wraight, Mrs. Sivill, Mrs. Belsey, "D" Company Home Guard Club, L/Cpl. Mynheer, Pte. Kirke and Pte. Pritchard.

Mrs. Nichols presented prizes to Mrs. Pook, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Daguati, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Mills, Miss Stack, Mr. Files, Mr. Harlow and Mrs. Pointer.

CRICKET

RAMSGATE POLICE WIN EASILY

At Chatham House, Ramsgate, on Saturday Ramsgate Police easily defeated Dover Police. Honey (19 not out), Whitling (11) and Bourne (10) were the double-figure contributors to Ramsgate's total of 51 for 6 wickets. Towards Dover's total of 46, Stanway (12) was the only double-figure scorer.

Dover Police.

Stanway, c Honess b Page	12
Holmans, c Knight b Page	6
Crush, st Reid b Honey	5
Brown, c Page b Honey	3
Moore, hit wkt. b Honey	0
Harman, b Honess	2
Deal, c and b Honey	0
Dunigan, not out	6
Ashdown, st Reid b Honey	8
Gains, b Honess	1
Saunders, b Honess	0
Extras	3
Total	46

Bowling: Honess, 3 for 7; Honey, 5 for 23; Page, 2 for 13.

Ramsgate Police.

Slinn, c Holmans b Dunigan	3
Bourne, b Harman	10
Honey, not out	19
Whitling, c and b Ashdown	11
Honess, run out	6
Reid, b Harman	1
Page, b Harman	1
Total (for 6 wkts.)	51

Bowling: Harman, 3 for 18; Dunigan, 1 for 12; Ashdown, 1 for 13.

BOWLS

RAMSGATE TURN THE TABLES

Ramsgate B.C. reversed the result of the previous encounter at Broadstairs when they defeated Bradstow B.C. by 69 shots to 55 at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Thursday.

Ramsgate B.C.

R. Ainscough, W. B. Ellis, E. Groom, C. Nixon	21
P. F. Riches, B. Futter, E. A. Locke, J. B. Sharman	23
H. Pleming, A. E. Creasy, O. Hughes, B. E. Bushell	25

Bradstow B.C.

W. Finch, F. Goodall, A. Pass, G. Read	19
F. Carey, S. Weller, W. Elliott, H. Price	22
G. Hopkins, R. Stockbridge, E. Hart, W. Sizer	14

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This is the keynote of a memorandum just issued by the Rural District Councils Associations of England and Wales in which they reply to some recent suggestions that in any post-war reorganisation of local government R.D.C's. should virtually be abolished.

The report, signed by Sir Percy Hurd, M.P. (president), Mr. E. P. Everest (chairman of the Executive Council) and other officers, continues:

"The countryside contains some of the most stable and balanced human elements the nation possesses. R.D.C's. are prepared to tackle their future problems vigorously and efficiently. Given the scope and the powers they will fill a worthy place in the post-war era of local government.

"Rural England and Wales offer to the leaders of this land their services as accredited partners; but they are not prepared to be engulfed or consigned to servility. They will defend to the last their treasured heritage, and will dedicate all their electoral and other constitutional powers to this end."

Democracy Threatened.

Other leading points in the memorandum are:

The fundamental basis of local government in this country must continue to be democratic. But many of the schemes recently propounded gravely threaten the essentials of democracy so far as rural England is concerned.

If the tpye of "all-purpose authority" now suggested were set up the operation of democratic local government in rural England would be killed for ever. Any attempt to make the county the unit of all local government would flagrantly violate principles already conceded.

The government of rural England and Wales is only practicable by the elected representatives if they can administer reasonable, compact areas and maintain personal touch with their constituents. The moment these factors fail to operate bureaucracy creeps in. Rural district councils must be entrusted with a reasonably wide and comprehensive range of duties.

No amount of paper grouping can get over the basic fact that for many essential purposes, each rural parish must continue to be a self-contained unit.

Agriculture is still our largest industry and there should be no enforced or unnatural merging with other communities which have a fundamentally different outlook and way of life.

After the war, our large cities and boroughs will themselves be faced with extremely involved domestic problems. Their activities will be so fully stretched that the suggestion that they should also take all adjacent rural problems under their wing is bewildering.

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The Anchor Day collection at Ramsgate on Saturday on behalf of the British Sailors' Society realised £55 5s. 6d.

The organisers, Lt.-Cdr. W. Thorogood, R.N. (Retired) and Mrs. E. Billingham, wish to thank all who contributed towards the satisfactory result.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. W. Thorogood, £3 15s.; Mrs. F. J. Stevens, £2 19s. 6d.; Mr. G. King, £1 6s. 4d.; Mr. T. Cox, 19s. 5½d.; Mrs. Hall, £4 15s. 2d.; Miss Wyles, W.R.N.S., £1 17s. 2½d.; Mrs. Nichols, £2 4s. 1½d.; Mrs. Baker, £3 8s. 8½d.; Mrs. LeGallais, £5 4s. 2½d.; Miss G. Fenn, £2 2s. 10d.; Mrs. Snapes, £2 19s. 6½d.; Mrs. Bishop, £2 6s. 9½d.; Miss Privett, £2; Miss Bigg, £1 2s. 1d.; Miss Meldrum, £1 3s. 7½d.; Mrs. Padbury, 19s. 3½d.; Mrs. Shelton, £1 16s. 1½d.; Mrs. Adams, £1 14s. 11½d.; Mrs. Sutton Smith, 18s. 3d.; Mrs. Young, £2 16s. 2d.; Miss Howell, £1 5s. 4½d.; Miss Wells, 12s. 9d.; Mrs. Evison, £1 7s. 7d.; Miss Robinson, £1 18s. 9d.; Miss Foster, £2 13s. 4d.; Mr. Prestedge, 2s. 5½d.; Mrs. Elliston, 11s. 3½d.; Mrs. McDonald (subscription), 5s.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Mills.—7th July, at 4 Whitfield-avenue, St. Peter's, the wife of Sgt. C. H. Mills, R.A.F. of a daughter.

DEATHS

Groombridge.—6th July, at 461 Boliver-street, Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, Thomas Fox Groombridge, aged 76, late of 12 La Belle Alliance-square Ramsgate.

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